



DATE: July 31, 2015
TO: Parking and Metropass Customers
FROM: Matt Massman, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Administration
SUBJECT: Contract Parking and Metropass Rates

What You Need to Know

Effective on September 1, 2015, there will be an increase in parking rates for parking facilities on the Capitol Complex. Please see the table below for a summary of how parking rate changes may impact you:

If you park in a lot...	Your monthly parking rate will increase by \$5.58. Your new monthly rate is \$42.77.
If you park on the top level of a parking ramp...	Your monthly rate will increase by \$8.53. Your new monthly rate is \$51.19. ¹
If you park inside of a ramp...	Your monthly rate will increase by \$9.69. Your new monthly rate is \$74.28.
If you park inside of a garage...	Your monthly rate will increase by \$19.55. Your new monthly rate is \$149.88.
If you use parking pay stations to pay for a visitor parking space...	Your hourly rate will increase by \$0.25 and your daily rate will increase by \$1. The new hourly rate is \$2. The new daily rate is \$8.
If you use Metropass or other alternative transportation options...	Your rates will not increase. Metropass customers will continue to pay \$45 per month.

¹ The separate top level rate for parking ramps will be phased out over the course of the next four years. Once this rate is phased out, all customers who park in a ramp will pay the same ramp rate. A separate top level rate is currently used in the following three locations: Centennial Ramp, Orange Level; Admin Ramp, Level F; and State Office Ramp, Top Level. The rate for the upper level of other Capitol Complex ramps is already the standard ramp rate.

Why Parking Rates Are Changing

When setting parking rates, there are two goals:

1. To recover costs, and;
2. To ensure parking facilities are optimally used.

User parking rates cover the cost of operation, maintenance, needed upgrades to parking facilities, and construction costs for new parking facilities. As debt service costs associated with newly constructed parking facilities are phased in, future parking rate changes will reflect those increased costs. Debt Service reflects 42% of parking rates, up from 17% in FY15. Historically, operating costs have remained relatively stable.

With the mix of parking on the Capitol Complex changing, the approach of applying parking rate changes equally to each type of parking may not be sustainable. If pricing for certain parking types increase outside the realm of affordability for many customers, we expect an increase in empty spaces in some facilities. This would further strain parking supply and result in longer waiting lists in other facilities. Looking forward, future rate changes may need to give greater consideration to optimal utilization and pricing relative to average market rates, to ensure we are meeting the needs of state employees with readily available parking and transit options.

Our Commitment to Customer Service

Admin's goal is to meet the parking and transit needs of state employees and to do so at the lowest possible rates, subject to facility, land, and resource constraints. Over the next year, our team will be pursuing technology and process improvements intended to both enhance the customer experience, and maximize the utilization of available parking spaces.

Where to Find Additional Information

- Email your questions or comments to pmd.comments@state.mn.us or call us at 651-201-2300.
- Visit mn.gov/admin/buildings-grounds/ and click on "Parking and Transportation" for more information about parking and commuting services on the Capitol Complex.

Thank you for your continued use of our services.